



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

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#### ***COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR***



We are facing a crossroads in education due to the state's budget crisis. Unless additional revenue can be found, Kentucky's education system risks sliding backwards into mediocrity rather than pushing forward to exceed the level of educational excellence we have currently achieved. The best way for the citizens of our Commonwealth, and in turn children, to achieve true economic parity with much of the rest of the country is through education. Simply stated, too much is at stake! We cannot give up on our mission of achieving career and college readiness for every student across our state. Therefore, the Kentucky Board of Education voted to support the Governor's proposal to implement a 70 cent cigarette tax and raise the tax on other tobacco products. We urge all educators to join us in actively advocating for additional revenue to ensure that Kentucky's students reach proficiency and are able to compete in a global economy.

#### ***MEET DOUG HUBBARD AND KAYE BAIRD, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS***

John Douglas Hubbard is an attorney in Bardstown. He has a lifelong connection with Bardstown High School as a student, parent, sports volunteer and member of the Bardstown Foundation for Excellence in Education. He has participated in numerous civic activities. He was named Nelson County's Outstanding Young Man in 1968, inducted into the Bardstown/Nelson County Hall of Fame in 2004 and inducted into the Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Doug holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and a juris doctorate degree



from the University of Kentucky. He is married to the former Judy Whitesides from Bloomfield, and they have two children, John and Char Marie Rhoads, and six grandchildren.

**Katheryn R. Baird** of Pikeville graduated from Union College with a bachelor's degree in English and has a bachelor's in elementary education from Pikeville College. She has taught kindergarten and 1st grade. Kaye was named to the Union College Hall of Fame of Educators. She has served as a member of the Pikeville Independent Board of Education and the Model City Day Care Board. She is an elder in the Pikeville Presbyterian Church and presently serves on the Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky Board and the education committee of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. Kaye and her husband, Bill, have three daughters and seven grandchildren.



### ***STATE BOARD ENDORSES GOVERNOR'S REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PLAN***

At its December meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education discussed the serious budget shortfall and its potential devastating effect on P-12 education. On the first day of the meeting, the Board asked Secretary of Education Helen Mountjoy to take its request to the Governor to spare SEEK from the budget cuts and then learned the next day that the Governor's plan did in fact exempt SEEK, along with requiring only a 2% cut in the Kentucky Department of Education's budget and state grants. However, the Board was informed that this will be contingent on the passage of revenue enhancement by the General Assembly, specifically a 70 cent increase in the cigarette tax and increasing the tax on other tobacco products. As a result, the Board voted to support this revenue enhancement plan.

Once the numbers for budget reduction are finalized, Kentucky Department of Education staff was requested to come back to the Board with recommendations on how to make cuts using an approach of minimizing the impact on student learning. For more information on the budget discussion, contact Greg Rush at 502-564-1979 or via email at [Greg.Rush@education.ky.gov](mailto:Greg.Rush@education.ky.gov).

### ***2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA APPROVED***

In preparation for the upcoming General Assembly session, the Kentucky Board of Education approved its 2009 Legislative Agenda. The elements of that agenda are as follows:

- Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children
  - Amend SB 68 to require that the Compact provisions also apply to the children of civilians that work for the military.
- School Facilities Evaluation Committee Recommendations

- Allow Capital Outlay to be used for maintenance without forfeiting the district's participation in SFCC upon approval of the commissioner. Maintenance does not include property insurance.
  - Allow rapid-growth districts to use restricted or special funds for operational purposes during the first biennium of a new school's operation.
  - Modify KRS 157.420 to allow land for new schools or modifications to existing schools to be purchased with restricted cash for projects noted on the District Facilities Plan for use in the next eight years. Land would not be counted in the calculation of need.
- Dropout Prevention Grants
  - Amend KRS 158.146(4) to remove priority in the awarding of dropout prevention grants to districts with chronically high dropout rates, remove the requirement to direct 75% of available funds to elementary and middle school students and 25% to high school students, and focus the grant program on supporting promising and proven practices that are systemic, scalable, and replicable and are aligned with the principles of secondary reform.
- Blue Ribbon Panel on Interventions in Low-Performing Schools Recommendations
  - Add chronic low student academic performance as a cause for removal of a superintendent or school board members (KRS 156.182).
- Funding
  - Fund the Student Information System in the second year of the biennium (\$6,832,100).
  - Fund Read to Achieve and Math Achievement grants for the full biennium (\$10,518,500 Read to Achieve; \$1,400,000 Math Achievement).
- Assessment and Accountability Task Force Recommendations
  - Amend KRS 156.6453 to permit school level arts and humanities program evaluations to be used in addition to or in place of student assessment items in the assessment program.
- Preschool Funding Procedures
  - Amend KRS 157.226(3) to fund a district's next school year's preschool program on the basis of an average of the December 1 and the March 1 preschool membership with no further adjustments to the funding level.
- Post 2009 Items
  - Amend KRS 157.440 (Facilities Support Program of Kentucky) to increase the five-cent equivalent tax rate for facilities to ten cents. All districts should be required to levy ten cents. Those districts already levying ten cents or more are authorized to levy an additional five cents,

but are not required to do this. All facility funding (except the growth levy) should become part of the FSPK program.

- Raise the compulsory school age first to 17 and then to 18 in the following year.
- Expand pre-K learning opportunities.

For more information on the 2009 KBE Legislative Agenda, contact Frank Rasche at 502-564-4474 or via email at [Frank.Rasche@education.ky.gov](mailto:Frank.Rasche@education.ky.gov).

***AL RIDER AND THE NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECEIVE 2008 JOSEPH W. KELLY AWARD***

The Kentucky Board of Education bestowed the 2008 Joseph W. Kelly Award on Al Rider and the North Central Education Foundation of Elizabethtown. Mr. Rider, as president of the Foundation, was recognized for providing outstanding leadership to the organization, which is the north central region's leading private investor in education. Cited as some of Rider's and the Foundation's accomplishments were:

- Purchased 227 acres and established Elizabethtown Community College in 1964.
- Helped to found the forerunner of Elizabethtown Technical College.
- Donated land for the technical college's newest facility.
- Helped bring Western Kentucky University to Hardin County 30 years ago.
- Donated 20 acres of land to Western Kentucky University for its expansion in 2007.
- Donated six acres of land for the new Hardin County Library in 2001.
- Currently leases The University Drive Sports Complex to the city of Elizabethtown at virtually no cost.

The award was established by the Board in 2000 to honor Joseph W. Kelly, who served as a member from 1989-1998 and served as chair for seven years. It is conferred annually on a businessperson or an organization that has offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equity of educational opportunity for Kentucky's children at the school, community and/or state levels.

For more information on the award, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.us](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.us).

***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING WERE:***

- Minutes from the October 6-7, 2008, meeting
- Endorsement of the Kentucky Bar Foundation's Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program
- District facility plans for McCreary County and Fairview, Southgate and Williamsburg Independents
- District facility plan amendments for Daviess and McCracken Counties and Pineville Independent
- 2008-09 Local District Working Budgets

- 2008-09 District Tax Rates Levied
- 702 KAR 3:090, Depository Bond (Final)
- Request for waiver of 702 KAR 3:030, Section 2(2) and Section 1(4) by the Jefferson County Board of Education for a one-year period
- Declaration of emergency for Covington Independent
- Acceptance of the Report from the Task Force on Assessment and Accountability
- Reports on school improvement efforts from Union County and Covington Independent to occur quarterly and Christian and Jefferson Counties to occur twice per year
- Commissioner of Education's annual evaluation
- Acceptance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program Audit for FY2007 and the A-133 Desk Reviews

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children
- Update on the master's program and principal's program redesign
- Kentucky Board of Education Strategic Plan Progress Report
- The Kentucky Instructional Data System (KIDS) Progress Report
- Hearing Officer's Report
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics
- KHSAA Annual Reporting Requirements
- KHSAA Title IX Update
- STAR Sportsmanship Program
- 702 KAR 4:160, Capital Construction Process
- School district watch list
- Revisions to Nutrition and Health Services regulations:
  - 702 KAR 6:010, Local Responsibilities;
  - 702 KAR 6:020, District director;
  - 702 KAR 6:031, Repeal of 702 KAR 6:030, Principal's responsibilities
  - 702 KAR 6:040, Personnel; policies and procedures;
  - 702 KAR 6:045. Personnel; food service employee qualifications;
  - 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum nutritional standards for foods and beverages available on public school campuses during the school day; required nutrition and physical activity reports;
  - 702 KAR 6:075, Reports and funds
- Annual Report of the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC)
- KDE Employment Report
- Litigation Report

## **BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND 2010**

### **KBE Meeting Dates 2009**

| <u>2009</u>          | <u>Type of Meeting</u>                   | <u>Location</u>  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| February 10-11, 2009 | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| March 4, 2009        | Regular meeting                          | Louisville – Visit<br>Kentucky School for<br>the Blind |
| <u>2009</u>          | <u>Type of Meeting</u>                   | <u>Location</u>  |
| April 1-2, 2009      | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| May 12-13, 2009      | KBE retreat/strategic plan<br>discussion | Frankfort  |
| June 10-11, 2009     | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| August 5-6, 2009     | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| September 9, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | Kentucky Dam Village<br>State Park, Gilbertsville      |
| October 7-8, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| December 9-10, 2009  | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |

### **KBE Meeting Dates 2010**

| <u>2010</u>            | <u>Type of Meeting</u>                | <u>Location</u>                          |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| February 3-4, 2010     | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |
| March 3, 2010          | Regular meeting                       | General Butler State<br>Park, Carrollton |
| March 31-April 1, 2010 | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |
| May 18-19, 2010        | KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion | Frankfort                                |
| June 9-10, 2010        | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |
| August 4-5, 2010       | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |
| September 15, 2010     | Regular meeting                       | Available hotel,<br>Ashland              |
| October 6-7, 2010      | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |
| December 8-9, 2010     | Regular meeting                       | Frankfort                                |

For more information on the Board's schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov) or [Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov](mailto:Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov).

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the December 10-11, 2008, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

*For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor, at (502) 564-3141.*

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